(b) whether Government has taken remedial steps to contain and reduce the activities of ISI through Bangladesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Government has seen the media reports in this regard.

(b) and (c) The Government has been regularly taking up various security related matters including misuse of Bangladesh Territory for activities inimical to India with Bangladesh authorities at various levels. In order to deal with militancy, efforts of the State Governments are being supplemented by the Central Government through various measures such as deployment of additional Central Security Forces including Army; sharing of intelligence; financial assistance for local police forces and intelligence agencies under the Police Modernization Scheme; provision of assistance for strengthening various aspect of security apparatus and other aspects of anti-militancy operations by way of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure; assistance to the States for raising of additional Forces in the form of India Reserve Battalions; etc.

Satutory development board for Konkan

†2000. SHRI Y.P. REDDY :

SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal to the Central Government to make an independent 'Statutory Development Board' for Konkan region;

(b) if so, when the proposal was sent; and

(c) the present status of this proposal and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Government of Maharashtra had sent in December 2005 to the Government of India, a Resolution passed by both the Houses of Maharashtra State Legislature recommending the establishment of a separate Development Board for Konkan region of the State. The matter is under examination.

Infiltration in different states of the country

†2001. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been increase in the cases of cross border infiltration in different States of the country by foreign infiltrators at different borders of the country during last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the measures taken by Government to check these infiltrations; and

(d) the extent to which these measures have become effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) Available information about apprehension of foreign infiltrators indicates a decline in cross border infiltration on Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Pakistan borders. There are no significant incidences of foreign infiltration on the other borders. The details of apprehension of foreign infiltrators made by Border Security Force on Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Pakistan international borders during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Year	Indo-Bangladesh border	Indo-Pakistan border	Total
2006	5130	128	5258
2007	4206	128	4334
2008	2559	131	2690
2009 (Till June)	991	29	1020

The Government have adopted a multi-pronged approach to contain cross-border infiltration which, inter-alia, Includes round the clock surveillance and patrolling on the borders and establishment of observation posts; construction of border fencing and flood lighting; introduction of modern and hi-tech surveillance equipment; upgradation of intelligence set up and coordination with the State Governments and concerned intelligence agencies.

As a result of these measures, cross border infiltration has shown a declining trend.

Upgradation of equipment and weaponry profile of NSG

2002.SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after 26th November, Mumbai terror attack the National Security Guard has decided to upgrade its equipment and weaponry profile;

(b) if so, whether procurement of this equipment was at the top of the force;

(c) whether to meet Naxal threats which are on increase across red corridor, Government is considering integrated police system for entire National Capital Region (NCR); and

(d) if so, the steps and measures Government has taken in this regard and by what time the new technology and latest weapons are being provided to police force to improve its capability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The up-gradation of equipment and weaponry in the National Security Guard is an ongoing process, which is being taken up on a regular basis and the effort is on to keep up with the emerging threats as envisaged by the Force.